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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my full support of the recent settlement between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft in the antitrust case. The case has taken too long to settle and needs to be finalized to serve the best interests of the public.

The terms of the settlement reflect the intense lobbying efforts on the part of Microsoft's competitors. Microsoft is agreeing to disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products -- a first in an antitrust case. They have also agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so that non-Microsoft products can be promoted more easily.

It is time for your office to use its influence to press for an end to this matter. There are nine states out there looking to continue litigation, and it is my belief that your office should be active in suppressing this silly notion. Our nation cannot afford further litigation, and we need Microsoft back at full strength.

Sincerely,



Anthony Perrella